

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on February 2, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. A. Knudsen

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 283, 1/25/2017; HB 287, 1/25/2017; HB 288, 1/25/2017

Executive Action: SB 131

HEARING ON HB 283

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:07 Rep. Tom Burnett (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 283, Require agencies to report grant information.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:57 Becky Stockton, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:43 Rep. Bachmeier
00:04:58 Rep. Burnett
00:05:14 Rep. Staffanson
00:05:52 Rep. Burnett
00:06:19 Rep. Custer
00:07:08 Rep. Burnett
00:08:01 Rep. Lenz
00:08:42 Rep. Burnett
00:09:47 Rep. Greef
00:10:22 Rep. Burnett
00:11:47 Rep. Custer
00:13:41 Rep. Burnett
00:14:38 Rep. Sales
00:15:13 Rep. Burnett
00:15:53 Rep. McKamey
00:16:07 Rep. Burnett
00:16:54 Rep. Custer
00:17:43 Rep. Burnett
00:18:14 Rep. Greef
00:19:24 Rep. Burnett
00:20:09 Rep. Webber
00:20:36 Rep. Burnett
00:21:25 Rep. Webber
00:21:50 Rep. Burnett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:31 Rep. Burnett

HEARING ON HB 287

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:34 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 287, Revise absentee ballot list confirmation laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:29 Audrey McCue, Montana Administration of Clerks and Recorders (MACR);
Election Administrators

00:32:00 Edward Bartlett, Yellowstone County

EXHIBIT(sth24a01)

00:34:24 Kathy Bramer, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

00:37:53 Kaitlyn Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Group (MontPIRG)

00:38:42 Linda Stoll, Montana Administration of Clerks and Recorders (MACR); Election
Administrators

Opponents' Testimony:

00:40:15 Becky Stockton, Self

EXHIBIT(sth24a02)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:00 Rep. Karjala

00:44:35 Linda Stoll, MACR

00:44:49 Rep. Skees

00:46:01 Rep. Bennett

00:47:21 Rep. Skees

00:47:28 Chair Mandeville

00:47:32 Rep. McKamey

00:48:09 Linda Stoll, MACR

00:48:16 Rep. Bachmeier

00:48:50 Linda Stoll, MACR

00:49:33 Rep. Bachmeier

00:49:48 Audrey McCue, MACR

00:51:46 Rep. Staffanson

00:52:33 Linda Stoll, MACR

00:52:43 Rep. Custer

00:53:21 Audrey McCue, MACR

00:55:18 Rep. Skees

00:57:47 Chair Mandeville

00:58:17 Rep. Skees

00:58:40 Rep. Bennett

00:59:03 Rep. Karjala

00:59:38 Rep. Bennett

01:00:22 Rep. Karjala

01:00:58 Rep. Bennett

01:02:16 Chair Mandeville

01:03:05 Audrey McCue, MACR

01:04:17 Chair Mandeville

01:04:36 Audrey McCue, MACR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:13 Rep. Bennett

HEARING ON HB 288**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:07:52 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 288, Require fee for presidential preference primary candidates.

EXHIBIT(sth24a03)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:14 Rep. Staffanson
01:12:34 Rep. Bennett
01:13:17 Rep. Staffanson
01:13:19 Rep. Karjala left meeting
01:13:38 Rep. Bennett
01:13:50 Chair Mandeville
01:14:13 Rep. Bennett

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:24 Rep. Bennett

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 131

01:15:25 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved to **RECONSIDER ACTION ON SB 131.**

Discussion:

01:15:47 Chair Mandeville
01:16:12 Rep. Garner
01:16:43 Rep. Bennett

01:17:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Price, Rep. Staffanson, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

01:19:10 Rep. Karjala joined meeting

01:19:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner moved that **SB 131 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

01:20:19 Chair Mandeville
01:21:39 Bachmeier
01:22:09 Chair Mandeville

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:23:00

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth24aad.pdf](#))